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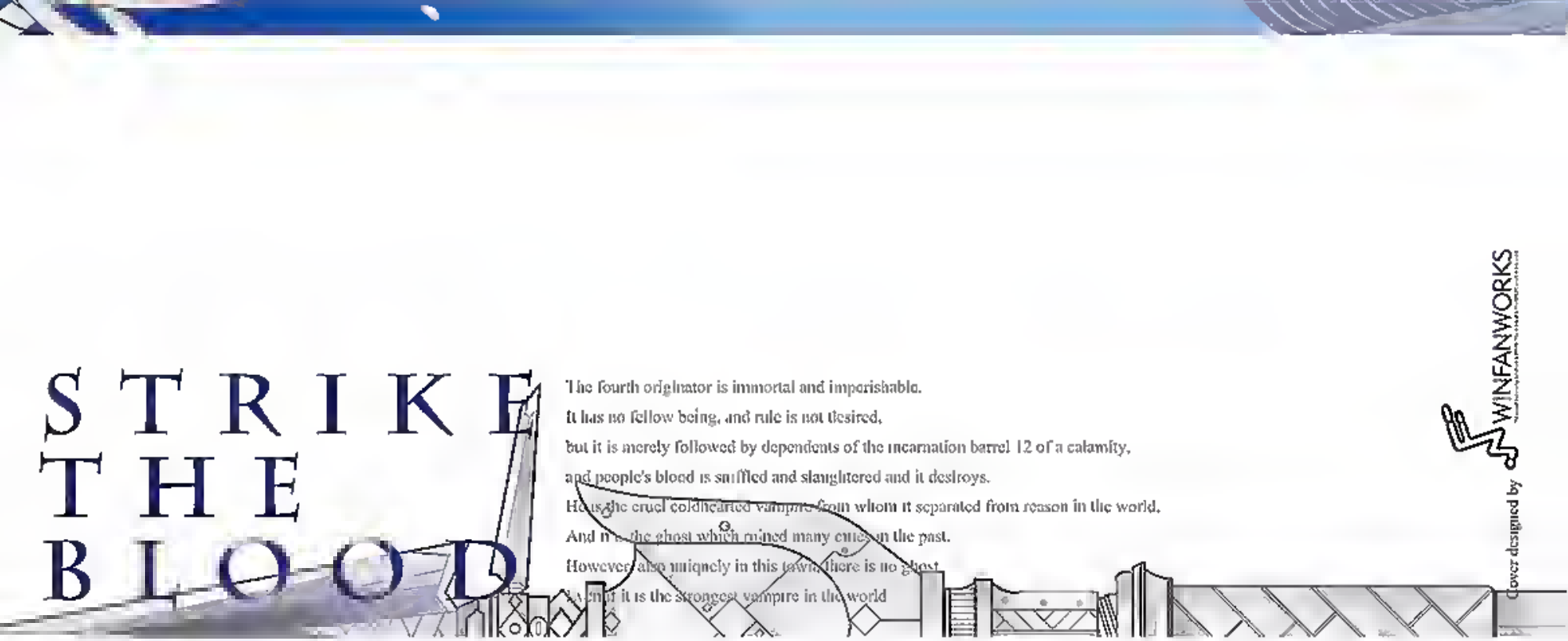

The fourth originator is immortal and imperishable.
It has no fellow being, and rule is not desired,
but it is merely followed by dependents of the incarnation barrel 12 of a calamity,
and people's blood is sniffled and slaughtered and it destroys.
He is the cruel coldhearted vampire from whom it separated from reason in the world.
And it is the ghost which ruined many cities in the past.
However also uniquely in this town there is no ghost.
Namely it is the strongest vampire in the world

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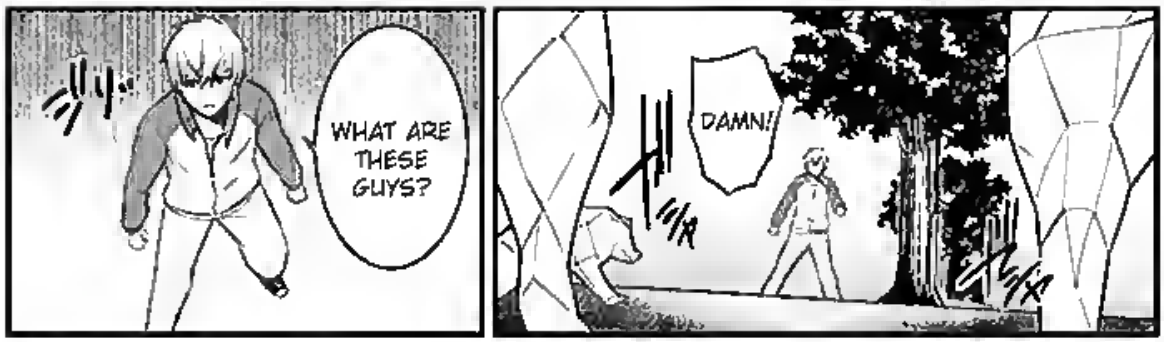

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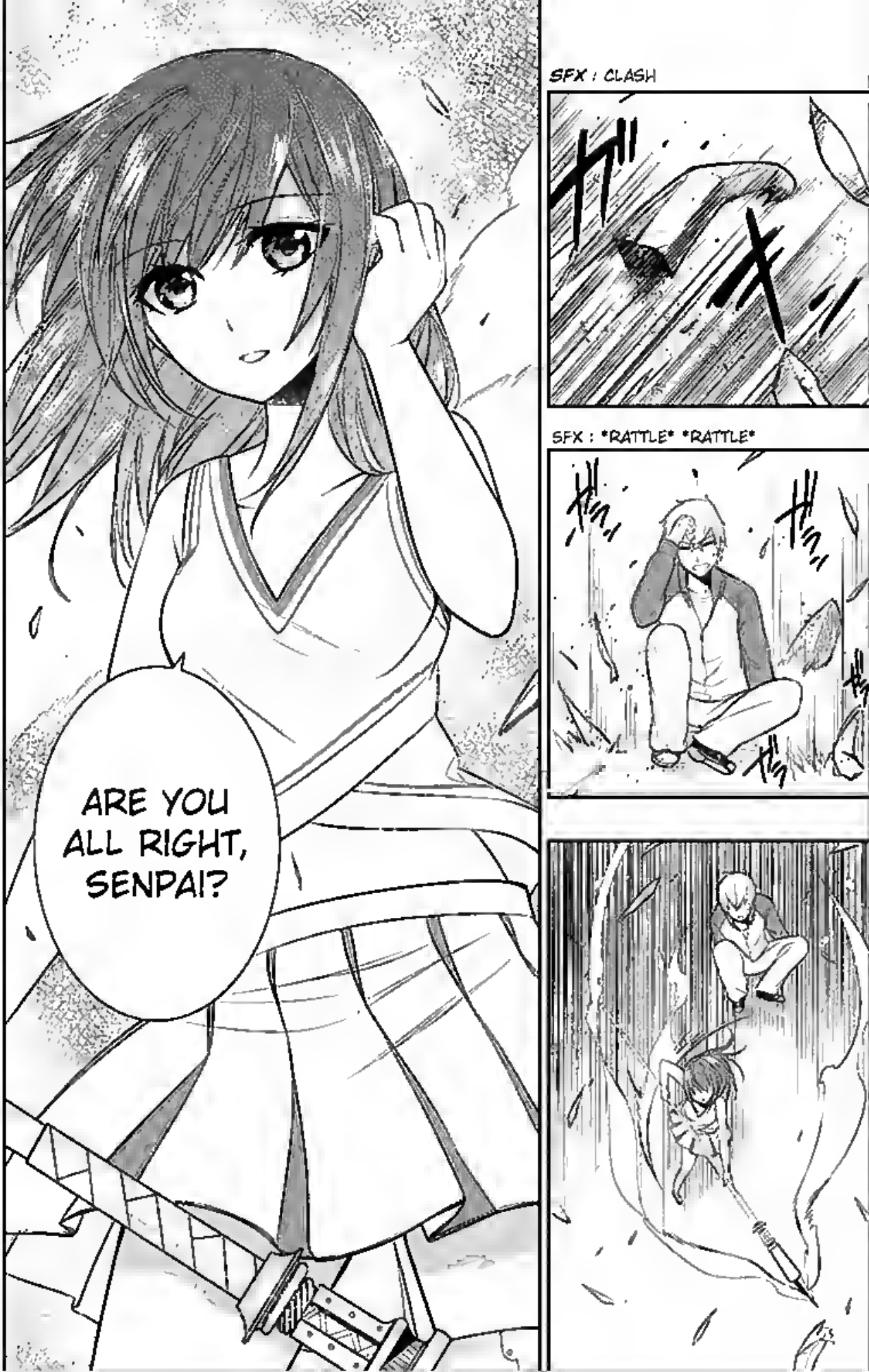

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SENPAI?
SFX : CLASH
SFX : *RATTLE* *RATTLE*

EH?
WAIT A MINUTE, IS THAT HOW YOU'VE BEEN ALWAYS KEEPING EYE ON ME UNTIL NOW?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY, I WILL PROTECT YOUR PRIVACY!
HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME NOT TO WORRY!!
YEAH, I'M FINE... BUT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
MY SHIKIGAMI DETECTED AGGRESSIVE MAGICAL POWER HERE.
...BY THE WAY HIMERAGI,
THAT UNIFORM, IS IT PERHAPS...
MISSING PIECES, BECAUSE YOU LEFT WHILE CHANGING CLOTHES?
PLEASE DON'T STARE SO MUCH!
BUT, YOU'RE WEARING SPORTS PANTS.
SENPAI, YOU STILL CAN'T LOOK!
PER-VERT.
HEY, THAT'S RUDE!
NOW, LET'S GET BACK TO THE MAIN ISSUE.

I HAVE NO IDEA...
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO THE MASTERMIND MIGHT BE?
THERE AREN'T MANY HUMANS WITH THIS POWERFUL ATTACK MAGIC...
SO I WONDER WHY THEY WERE SO VIOLENT...
THEY WERE ALSO SHIKIGAMI. THEY ARE NORMALLY USED TO DELIVER LETTERS,
ANYWAY, WHAT WERE THOSE THINGS?
EH?
IT LOOKS LIKE THESE GUYS LEFT US A MESSAGE...
THE MAGIC POWER IS DISAPPEAR-ING...

!
THAT SEAL... IT CAN'T BE...
THIS... IS ADDRESSED TO ME, RIGHT?
HMM...
YES... BUT IT SHOULDN'T BE...
DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS?
!!
HIDES
KOJOU?

A-ASAGI...
EH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY INTERRUPTING?
FORGET ABOUT IT!
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.
...ASAGI?
AH...
DID I PERHAPS INTERRUPT YOU TWO...?

SFX : CLENCH
HEAD BACK...
...I'LL
SFX : RUN
AH, HEY!
YOU DON'T KNOW?
REALLY, THIS GIRL...
WHAT'S SHE UPSET ABOUT?

...FORGET IT.
EH? THEN WHAT IS IT?
THIS IS AN INVITATION,
TO A BOAT PARTY?
DUKE DIMITRIE VATLER OF ARDEAL...!?
ARDEAL IS ONE OF PRINCIPALITIES OF THE WARLORD'S DOMINION.

IT'S A DOMINION IN EASTERN EUROPE.
YOU DO KNOW ABOUT THE TERRITORY OF THE FIRST PROGENITOR, "THE LOST WARLORD", RIGHT?
ONLY HIS NAME... HE WAS A VAMPIRE WHO COMMANDED 72 KENJUU, RIGHT?
WHAT A CHEATER!
WARLORD'S DOMINION?

IT'S BECAUSE HIS KING'S COOPERATION, IT COULD BE REALIZED, OR SO IT'S SAID.
YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SACRED TREATY THAT ALLOWS HUMAN AND DEMON CO-EXISTENCE, RIGHT?
WELL, VATLER'S ENDORSEMENT IS THE REASON WHY THAT TREATY EXISTS.

SINCE HE IS A DOMINION RULING NOBLE, HE IS A DIRECT DESCENDANT OF THE FIRST PROGENITOR.

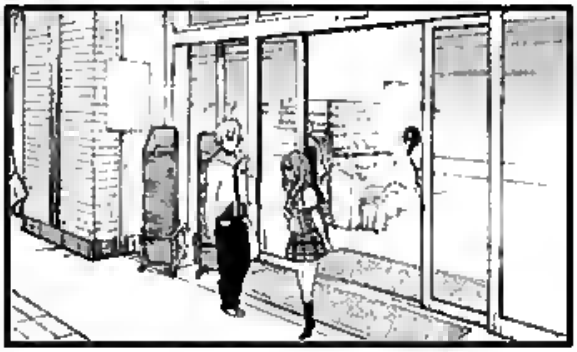
EH? THIS VATLER GUY?
SO VATLER'S THE FIRST PROGE-NITOR'S SUB-ORDINATE?
AND DON'T WE HAVE TOO MANY ONIONS?
DON'T BE SO PICKY!

I THINK HE'S HERE TO MEET YOU, SENPAI.
DO YOU HAVE YOUR POINTS CARD?
WHY IS SUCH A BIG SHOT COMING TO ITOGAMI ISLAND?
W-WE ARE NOT THAT CLOSE...
WE JUST EAT OUR MEALS IN SAME HOUSE AND GO SHOPPING EVERYDAY AFTER SCHOOL.
EH?
YOU TWO SURE ARE CLOSE.
YOU COME HERE TO SHOP EVERY DAY.

WAIT, ARE YOU TWO.... AT YOUR AGES?
?

IN SAME HOUSE? YOU AREN'T SIBLINGS, RIGHT?
?
THAT'S RIGHT.

WITH WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME, IT SEEMS THAT MY ONLY OPTION IS TO GO...



HMM?

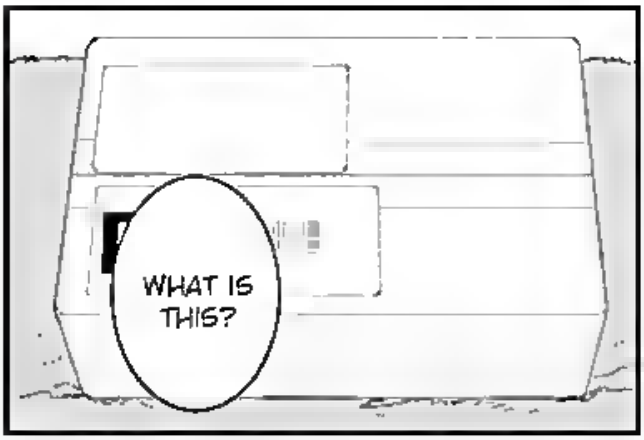
WHAT IS IT?

WONDER WHY THAT CASHIER WAS SO SURPRISED?
WHO KNOWS... BUT WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT DUKE ARDEAL?

IT'S A PRETTY UNREASONABLE DEMAND WITH SUCH SHORT NOTICE...
I THINK YOUR ONLY OPTION IS TO INVITE SOMEONE.
IT SAYS THAT I HAVE TO BRING A PARTNER ALONG WITH ME.
A PARTNER? AAH, IT'S BECAUSE IN MOST EUROPEAN PARTIES, YOU ATTEND WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND OR WIFE.
AND IT SAYS THAT PARTY'S TODAY... SO THERE IS ONLY...
LET'S SEE, IN THIS SITUA-TION...
WE NEED A PERSON WHO KNOWS THAT SENPAI IS PUREBLOODED AND CAN HANDLE HERSELF IF A PROBLEM ARISES.
YOU SAY THAT, BUT I CAN'T TAKE ASAGI OR NAGISA THERE...

NATSUKI-CHAN, I GUESS.
E-EH?
W-WHY DID YOU BRING UP MINAMIYA-SENSEI'S NAME HERE?
WELL, SHE KNOWS MY SITUATION AND SHE IS A KOUMASHI, SO SHE FITS THE DESCRIPTION, RIGHT?
W-WELL...
I THINK THERE IS STILL ONE MORE PERSON...
EH? ...AAH!
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT IT'S ALRIGHT TO ASK YOU, HIMERAGI?
...
ゴホッ cough
BECAUSE WATCHING SENPAI IS MY JOB!

SFX : KA-CHA
AH! BUT...
HEH, HEH...
WHY ARE YOU LAUGH-ING?
I...
...DON'T HAVE A DRESS FOR A PARTY...
I JUST THOUGHT THAT YOU SOUNDED LIKE CINDERELLA.
PLEASE STOP TEASING ME!
SO EVEN HIMERAGI IS STILL A GIRL.



SFX : KER-WHACK

SFX : BLUSH

NOTE : C-60 DENOTES "CUP SIZE 60" A.K.A "BRA SIZE"

SFX : NOD
SURPRISINGLY GOOD, YEAH, I RENEWED MY OPINION.
BUT A "C", HUH...
...THESE YOUR MEASURE-MENTS, HIMERAGI?
AREN'T...
SFX : SHUDDER
BEFORE I ERASE YOUR MEMORY...
DO YOU HAVE ANY LAST WORDS?
KYAAA!!!
EH?

WELL THEN,
ICE CREAM TIME!
HAA, THAT WAS A NICE BATH
EH? WHAT'S WITH THE CLOTHES?
EH? AAH!
AH!
KOJOU-KUN, DO YOU ALSO WANT AN ICE...

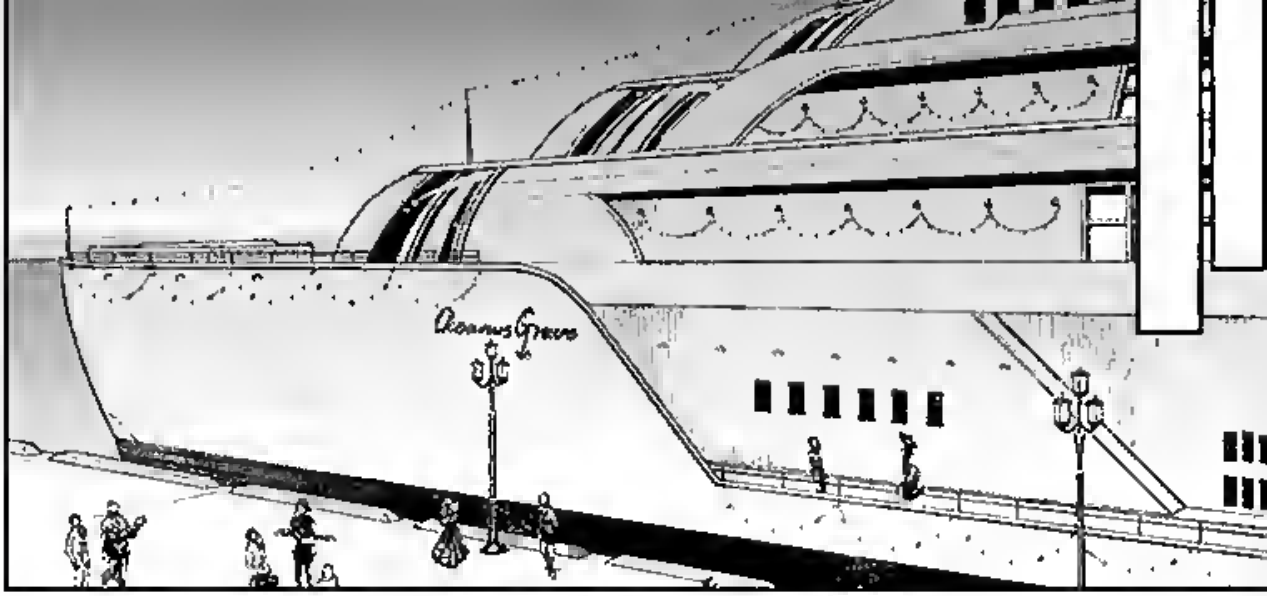
PART TIME JOB? AT THIS HOUR?
I'M ONLY GOING TODAY TO COVER FOR A SICK CLASSMATE,

I'M GOING TO THE PART TIME JOB.

IF I DON'T GO, HE CAN'T PAY HIS SICK ONEE-SAN'S MEDICAL BILLS.
HIS PARENTS DISAPPEARED AND LEFT BEHIND A ¥1 MILLION DEBT,

I'M SORRY FOR LEAVING YOU HERE ALONE.
IT'S OKAY, KOJOU-KUN, TAKE CARE.

I SEE,
THEN IT CAN'T BE HELPED, BUT DON'T GO DOING ANYTHING OBSCENE.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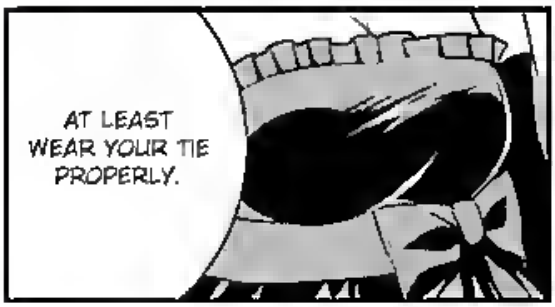
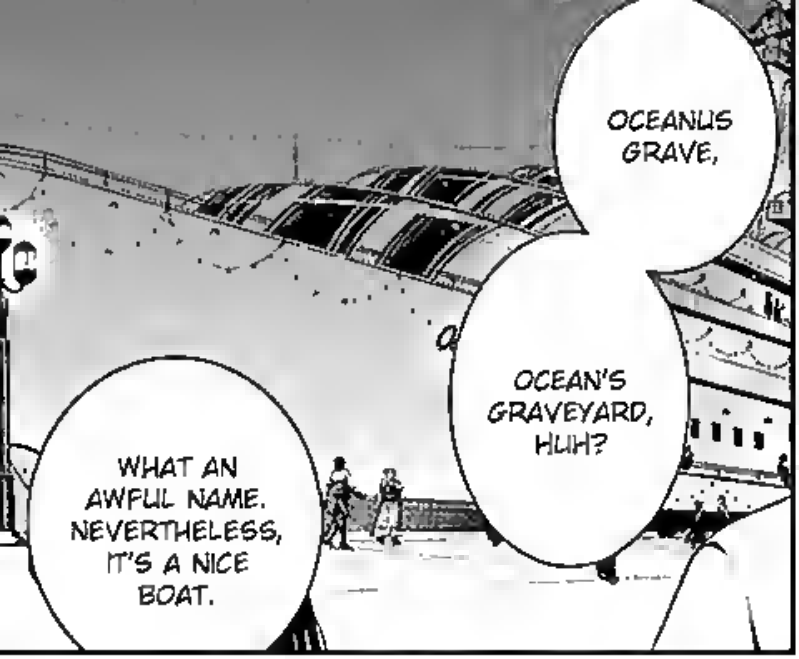

AT LEAST WEAR YOUR TIE PROPERLY.

NEVERTHELESS, I CAN'T REALLY CALM DOWN WHILE I'M IN THIS OUTFIT.

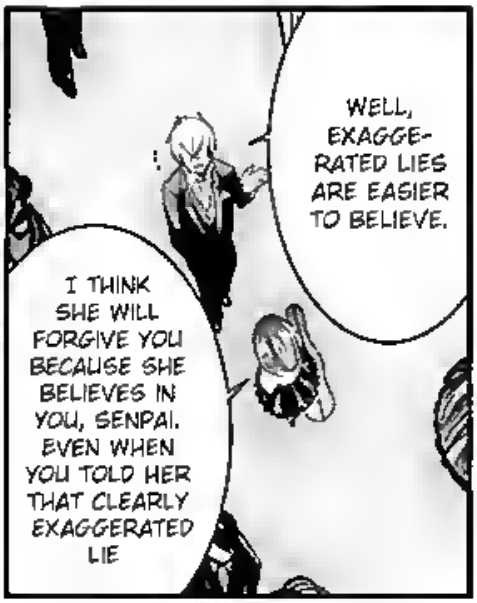

OCEANUS GRAVE,
OCEAN'S GRAVEYARD, HUH?
WHAT AN AWFUL NAME. NEVERTHELESS, IT'S A NICE BOAT.

IS THIS THE SHIP?

BUT, I FEEL SORRY FOR NAGISA-CHAN.

YEAH, I THINK ONE OF HIS AIMS IS TO SHOW OFF HIS POWER.

YES, YES.
PLEASE TRY TO NOT CREATE ANY MORE TROUBLES FOR NAGISA-CHAN.


WELL, EXAGGE-RATED LIES ARE EASIER TO BELIEVE.
I THINK SHE WILL FORGIVE YOU BECAUSE SHE BELIEVES IN YOU, SENPAI. EVEN WHEN YOU TOLD HER THAT CLEARLY EXAGGERATED LIE

SENPAI...
HMM?
DOES THIS DRESS...
LOOK STRANGE TO YOU?
NO...
SFX : CLATTER
B-BECAUSE SENPAI... SAID THAT WITH A DEPRAVED LOOK ON HIS FACE!
WHY ARE YOU POINTING THAT SPEAR AT ME?!
SFX . BLUSH
NOT AT ALL, IT SUITS YOU.

YOUR HAIR PIN IS CROOKED.
EH?
I DID NOT!
AND BY THE WAY,
I GOT IT A LONG TIME AGO IN TAKAGAMI FROM MY ROOMMATE.
IT'S UNUSUAL TO SEE YOU WEARING A HAIR PIN.
I WONDER WHAT SHE IS CURRENTLY DOING?
IS THAT SO? WAS SHE A SWORD SHAMAN?
NO, SHE WAS NOT A SWORD SHAMAN. SHE WAS A KOUMASHI; WE BOTH WERE IN THE LION KING AGENCY.

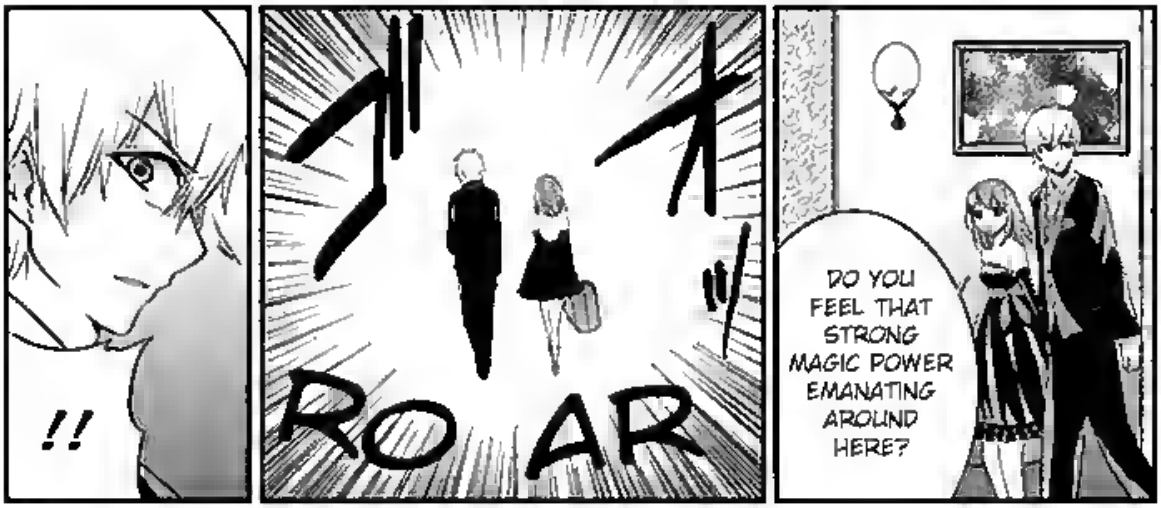
MUST BE TROUBLESOME TO CHECK THE INVITATIONS INDIVIDUALLY...
I THINK WE ARE A LITTLE OUT OF PLACE HERE.
THAT MUST BE THE PARTY-HALL.

EASIER SAID THAN DONE... BY THE WAY, WHERE IS HE?
JUST BE A LITTLE MORE CONFIDENT.

I REALLY WANT TO GO HOME...
ERM... DO WE REALLY HAVE TO GO IN THERE?
THE FIRST PROGENITOR'S MESSENGER HAS COME TO THIS ISLAND, SO ISN'T IT ONLY NATURAL THAT THE FOURTH PROGENITOR GREETS HIM FIRST?

LOOKS LIKE HE ISN'T HERE... HE IS PROBABLY SOMEWHERE UPSTAIRS.

step
step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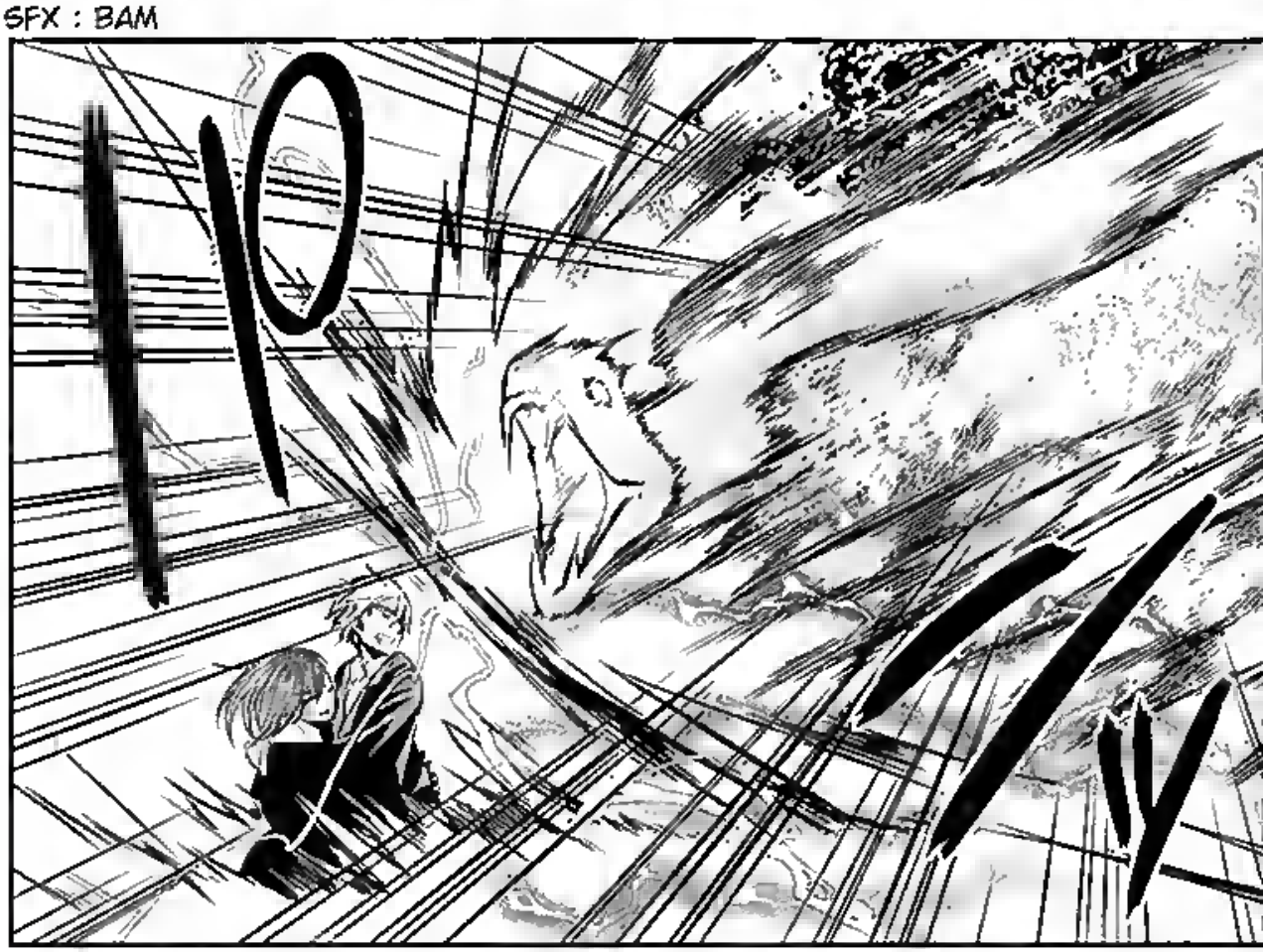
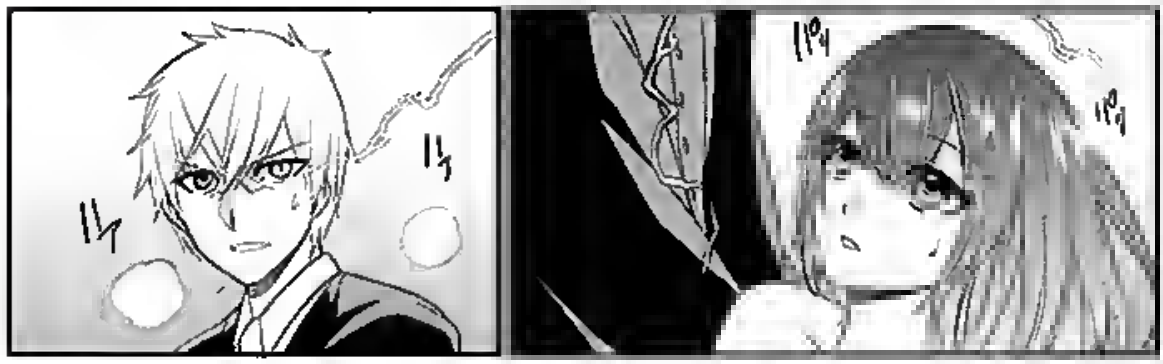
ROAR
DO YOU FEEL THAT STRONG MAGIC POWER EMANATING AROUND HERE?

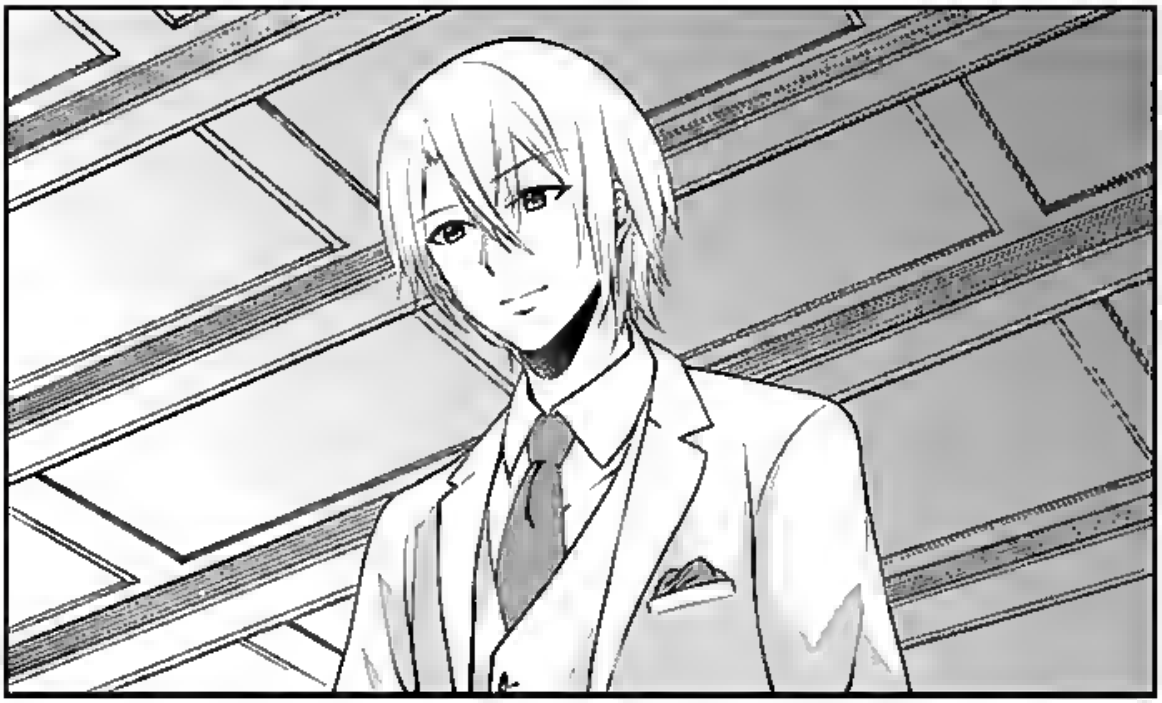
SFX : JUMP
HIME-RAGI!
SFX : THUD
SFX : ROAR
SFX : CLENCH
SEN-PAI!

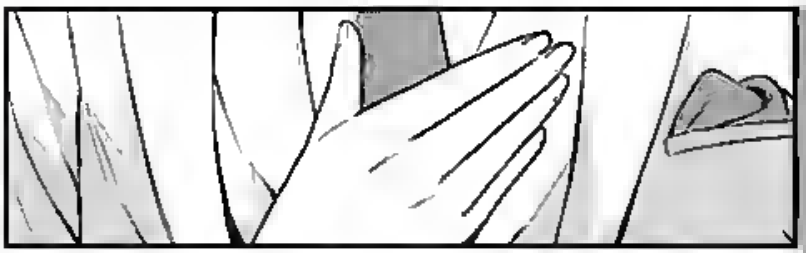
SFX : WHOOSH

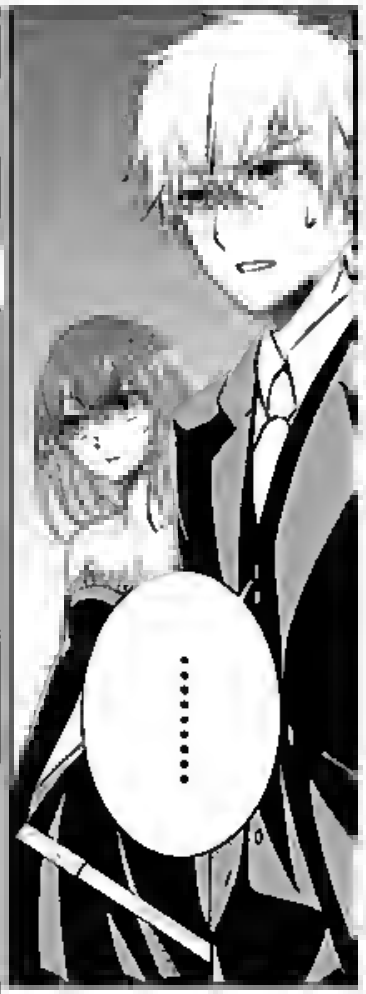

SFX : BAM



Clap
SENPAI,
SOMEONE IS COMING FROM THE BACK.
THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL... A SNAKE KENJUU?
Step
Step
SO, THIS LEVEL OF FAMILIAR CAN'T EVEN MAKE A SCRATCH ON YOU.
OOH, WELL DONE.



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I OFFER MY DEEPEST APOLOGIZES,
FOR MY RUDE BEHAVIOR IN TESTING YOUR COMBAT PROFICIENCY.

I AM THE DUKE OF ARDEAL, A POSITION GRANTED TO ME BY THE LOST WARLORD HIMSELF.
MY NAME IS DIMITRIE VATLER
DELIGHTED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE, AKATSUKI KOJOU.
SO YOU ARE VATLER?
.....
NO... "KALEID BLOOD", MY LOVELY FOURTH PROGENITOR!

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Words meaning

<<SHIKIGAMI>> =CEREMONY - DEITY=

BY POURING YOUR MAGIC INTO MEDIUMS SUCH AS CHARMS, THEY CAN REACT TO MAGIC WITH YOUR GIVEN COMMANDS. SINCE THEY CAN INFORM OF CHANGES WITHIN A TARGET, THEY ARE CAPABLE OF A WIDE VARIETY OF APPLICATIONS RANGING FROM MONITORING TO COMBAT. THEIR SHAPES VARY FROM GLASS-MADE SMALL ANIMALS TO HUMANOID SHAPES.

THEIR ABILITIES CAN BE CHANGED GREATLY BY THE CASTER, MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE A VERY LONG OPERATIONAL DISTANCE OR MULTIPLE CONJURABLE BODIES.

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